THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Doubling of Kangeri-Ramnagaram and Yeshwantpur-Tumkur has been included in the Railway Budget. Krishnarajpuram- Whitefield is already double line. Quadrupling of this line has been included in the Budget. There is no proposal for duoubling of Yellahanka-Chickbalapur which has only recently been converted from Narrow gauge to broad gauge.

(b) Approval of Planning Commission/ Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs is not necessary in the case of Kangeri-Ramnagaram while for doubling of Yeshwantpur-Tumkar and quardrupling of Krisharajpuram-Whitefield-Bangalore the requsite clearances have not yet been received. Action in this regard has been initiated.

(c) There is no proposal to take up this work either under Build Own Lease Transfer or through any separate Corporation.

मध्यप्रदेश में रेल लाइन बिछाया जाना

2717. **श्री राधा किशन मालवीय:**
श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा:

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्यप्रदेश में रेल लाइन बिछाने संबंधी कुछ प्रस्ताव सरकार के पास लंबित हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त परियोजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इन परियोजनाओं को अनुमोदित करने और उनका निर्माण कार्य प्रारंभ करने के लिए उठाए गए कदमों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक): (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) ब्यौरे निम्न प्रकार से हैं:—

	परियोजना का नाम	मौजूदा स्थिति
(i)	ललितपुर-सतना, रीवा-सिधी, सिंगरौली और महोवा-खजुराहो नई रेल लाइन	यह एक अनुमोदित कार्य है और आवश्यक स्वीकृति प्राप्त किए जाने के पश चात् कार्य शुरू किया जाएगा।
(ii)	विश्रामपुर-अम्बिकापुर नई रेल लाइन	यह एक अनुमोदित कार्य है और योजना आयोग से आवश्यक स्वीकृति प्राप्त हो जाने के पश चात् कार्य शुरू किया जाएगा।
(iii)	दल्लीराजहरा-जगदलपुर नई रेल लाइन	यह लाइन लागत की भागीदारी के आधार पर स्वीकृत की गई है और मैसर्स स्टील अथोरिटी ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड द्वारा अपने हिस्से की जमा कर दिए जाने और राज्य सरकार द्वारा भूमि उपलब्ध कर दिए जाने के बाद कार्य शुरू किया जाएगा। इस संबंध में एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर पहले ही हस्ताक्षर हो चुके हैं।

Progress Regarding B.G. Line Between Solapur-Hoolagaadaz

2718. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress so far made with regard to broad gauge line between Solapur-Hoolagaadaz; and

(b) the expenditure likely to be incurred in this regard and the money sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Hotgi-Bijapur gauge conversion has been completed and section commissioned to traffic. Work on

Solapur-Hotgi gauge conversion is presently in progress and is targetted for completion by 31.3.1999. The rest of the section from Bijapur to Gadag is targetted for completion by December, 2000, subject to availability of resources.

(b) (i) Expenditure likely to be incurred on the work—Rs. 274.57 crores. (ii) Outlay for 1998-99—Rs. 20 crores.

Reservations provided for wait-listed passengers

2719. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether wait-listed passengers are provided reservations in all classes and trains originating from and passing through Delhi, New Delhi and Nizammudin Stations by the Ministry under emergency quota;

(b) if so, the names of passengers separately travelling on duty and general category class and train-wise benefited from this quota during 14th to 21st June, 1998;

(c) whether some criteria for selection of beneficiaries has been laid down; and

(d) whether such quota is under control of Minister's Secretariat or the bureaucracy of the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (d) A limited number of berths/seats have been earmarked as Emergency Quota in all important trains in different classes to meet the urgent travel requirements of High Official Requisition holders, Ministers, MPs/MLAs, VIPs and other emergent demand. After meeting the demand for self travel of high dignitaries, other requests received from various quarters are considered and the unutilised quota is released taking into account factors like status of passengers travelling, nature of urgency like travelling on Government duty, bereavement in the family, sickness etc. This quota is released by the nominated officials as per prescribed instructions.

Since a large number of requests are received from various quarters and are dealt with on day-to-day basis details of category-wise allotments made are not compiled.

Internet Service Provider

2720. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railways have worked out a strategy to become an "INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS";

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways are experiencing any difficulties in this regard and if so, the steps taken to overcome them; and

(d) whether Railways also propose to offer as an alternative to lease excess capacity on its telecom network at 60% of DOT cost and if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Railways have plans to offer their excess telecom capacity to the Internet Service Providers. However, the tariffs are yet to be decided.

Facilities for aged and Physically Handicapped Person at Nagpur Junction in Maharashtra

2721. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities which are available for the children, aged and physically handicapped persons at the Nagpur junction in Maharashtra;

(b) details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to provide the requisite facilities at the junction?

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